

## **LISTING OF THE CLAIMS**

**This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:**

1. (currently amended) A vehicle steering wheel [[(1)]] comprising

a rim [[(2)]], a signal cap ~~(3)~~ and inside the rim

~~two upper and two lower spokes [[(4, 5)]] extending between the rim [[(2)]] and the signal cap [[(3)]]~~, the upper spokes [[(4)]] extending along [[the]] a horizontal symmetry axis (H-H) of the steering wheel [[(1)]] towards its centre a center of the wheel, **characterized in that;**

two lower spokes also extending between the signal cap and the rim, the lower spokes having an upper edge;

the two lower spokes [[(5)]] are shaped and positioned to be graspable by a normal man's hand, ~~[[that]]~~ the lower spokes [[(5)]] extend from positions around the rim [[(2)]] so that points P<sub>1</sub>, P<sub>2</sub> that are in line with the upper edge of the respective lower spokes [[(5)]] on the outer surface of the rim are located between 30° and 60° below the horizontal symmetry axis [[(H-H)]] on either side of the vertical symmetry axis [[(V-V)]] of the steering wheel [[(1)]]], and ~~[[that]]~~ the upper edge of the lower spokes ~~(5)~~, which is in line with the respective points P<sub>1</sub>, P<sub>2</sub> [[form]] and forms an angle ( $\beta$ ) of between 62° and 82° with the vertical symmetry axis (V-V) of the steering wheel, [[(1)]] and in that

a multifunctional switch module ~~(6)~~ with thumb operated including control buttons [[(7)]] operable for remote actuation of specific vehicle functions, the module is located symmetrically between the two lower spokes [[(5)]] beneath the signal cap [[(3)]]], wherein whereby the driver can operate the module while grasping the lower spokes.

2. (currently amended) The steering wheel according to claim 1, **characterized in that** wherein the two points P<sub>1</sub>, P<sub>2</sub> are situated 40° below the horizontal symmetry axis (H-H) on either side of the vertical symmetry axis [[(V-V)]] of the steering wheel [[(1)]]].

3. (currently amended) The steering wheel according to claim [[1 or]] 2, **characterized in that** wherein the angle ( $\beta$ ) from the vertical symmetry axis [[(V-V)]] of the steering wheel to the respective points  $P_1, P_2$  [[(1)]] are between  $67^\circ$  and  $77^\circ$ .
4. (currently amended) The steering wheel according to claim 3, **characterized in that** wherein the angle ( $\beta$ ) is  $72^\circ$ .
5. (currently amended) The steering wheel according to any of claims 1–4 claim 1, **characterized in that** wherein the lower spokes [[(5)]] are separated from the upper spokes [[(4)]] by spaces (8) for receiving shaped to be able to receive a driver's elbows.
6. (currently amended) The steering wheel according to any of claims 1–5 claim 1, **characterized in that** the wherein a width [[X]] of the graspable part of the upper edge of the lower spokes is between 65 mm and 105 mm.
7. (currently amended) The steering wheel according to claim 6, **characterized in that** wherein the width [[X]] of the graspable part of the upper edge of the lower spokes is approximately 85 mm.
8. (new) The steering wheel according to claim 1, wherein the module is located symmetrically between the two lower spokes.